



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC COO DENIES MOVE TO COMPETING BROADCASTER

Johannesburg - Friday, 20 November 2020- The South African Broadcasting Corporation's (SABC) Chief Operating Officer (COO), Mr. Ian Plaatjes is committed to executing the remainder of his board member contract at the public broadcaster.

Plaatjes who has served as the SABC's COO since last year, has denied claims that he will terminate the remainder of his four-year contract to move over to eMedia Holdings, the parent company of eTV.

"The report of me moving over to ENCA is false. I have neither engaged eMedia nor this reporter or anyone else about any prospects of me leaving the SABC. This misleading reporting will be reported to the BCCSA and to the publication to retract this untruth and apologies for this false reporting.

I committed myself to a five-year term and I still have four more years to go. The transformational work the SABC Board and management is doing has far reaching consequences beyond the sustainability of the SABC, that is, to grow of the local industry. This requires a continuity of the leadership that is spearheading the SABC turnaround, and I am committed to seeing this to fruition" says Plaatjes.

Plaatjes recently celebrated his first anniversary at the SABC on November 1, 2020.

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